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SUBJ: DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ON REFORMS

REFS: A. SECTO 7011. B. KINSHASA 38320.
C. PARIS 18434.

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO MINISTERIAL-LEVEL DECISIONS ON
DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU (REF A), QUAI DIRECTOR GEORGY
CALLED MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE AT
1000 JUNE 16 TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS OF DEMARCHE.
HE BEGAN MEETING BY INFORMING OTHERS THAT THE FRENCH
AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS HAD THE PREVIOUS NIGHT (JUNE 15)
INFORMED SIMONET OF THE DECISION OF THE OTHER FOUR
FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT THE DEMARCHE SHOULD BE INDIVID-
UAL RATHER THAN COLLECTIVE. SIMONET HAD OBJECTED AND
INSISTED THAT THE DEMARCHE BE COLLECTIVE. IT WAS
DECIDED THAT THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE WOULD REPORT
BACK TO BRUSSELS THE AGREEMENT OF THE OTHER FOUR
GOVERNMENTS THAT THE DEMARCHE SHOULD BE INDIVIDUAL
BUT THAT THE FORM OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHE WOULD
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ADEQUATELY TAKE INTOACCOUNT THE BELGIAN DESIRE NOT
TO BE EXPOSED AND USED AS A SCAPEGOAT BY MOBUTU.

2. WITH THE QUESTION OF BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE
DEMARCHE IN ABEYANCE, THE GROUP PROCEEDED TO AGREE
THAT:

(A) THERE WOULD BE INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES BY THE

FIVE AMBASSADORS IN KINSHASA BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 19, WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEADING OFF AND THE OTHERS FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (IT WAS NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WOULD SEEK AN EARLY FOLLOW-UP MEETING AND WOULD BE DELIVERING THE LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.); THE AMBASSADORS WOULD MAKE ORAL PRESENTATIONS FROM A COMMON TEXT AND WOULD LEAVE BEHIND A COPY OF THAT TEXT; (C) POINTS IN THE ANNEX OF THE JUNE 5 PARIS MEETING WOULD BE USED BY AMBASSADORS AS THEY SAW FIT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN ANNEX ITEM INTRODUCED BY THE BRITISH AT THE MEETING RELATIVE TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE JUNE 13-14 BRUSSELS MEETING WHICH ALL AMBASSADORS WOULD USE. (SEE BELOW).

3. AS FOR THE TEXT TO BE PRESENTED, THE FRENCH WERE IN FAVOR OF USING THE TEXT WORKED OUT IN PARIS, JUNE 9 (REF C), WITH THE QUESTION OF MILITARY REFORM TO BE USED AS AN OBLIGATORY ANNEX ITEM. WE RESISTED PUTTING THE MILITARY ITEM IN THE ANNEX AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHERS IT WAS INSERTED IN THE TEXT AS ITEM FOUR. GEORGY TOOK THE POSITION THAT SINCE THE DEMARCHES WERE TO BE ORAL WITH A TEXT LEFT BEHIND, THE PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE WORKED OUT IN KINSHASA WAS UNNECESSARY AND MIGHT IN FACT DETRACT FROM THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PAPER. THIS WAS ACCEPTED AND THE FINAL TEXT WAS REDUCED TO THE ESSENTIAL POINTS CONTAINED IN BOTH THE
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PARIS AND KINSHASA TEXTS (INCLUDING MILITARY ITEM)
WITH BRIEF INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE ADDED.

4. THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN THE TEXT MIRRORING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF POINT SEVEN OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE BRUSSELS MEETING. WE DID NOT OBJECT SINCE THE EFFECT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO STRENGTHEN THE TEXT BUT THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT THIS WOULD INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION OF AN AGREED DOCUMENT AND MIGHT REQUIRE TIME CONSUMING CLEARANCES BY GOVERNMENTS. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED (THE BRITISH AGREEING AD REFERENDUM BUT NOT FORESEEING DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING APPROVAL) THAT THIS POINT BE MADE IN AN ADDITIONAL ANNEX ITEM WHICH ALL OF THE AMBASSADORS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO USE.

5. THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF WHAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP IF THE BELGIANS COULD NOT BE CONVINCED THAT THEIR INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED BY THE PROCEDURE/

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FOR INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES WHICH HAD BEEN WORKED OUT.
WE POINTED OUT IT UNREALISTIC FOR THE BELGIANS TO FEAR
BEING SINGLED OUT BY MOBUTU SINCE THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR
WOULD BE GOING IN FIRST FOLLOWED SOON AFTER BY THE
AMERICAN WHOSE DEMARCHE WOULD BE BOLSTERED BY A LETTER
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. THE BELGIAN REP TOOK NOTE OF
THIS POINT. NONE OF THE REPS WERE IN A POSITION TO
COMMENT ON THE POSITIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS IF THE
BELGIANS WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THE APPROACH AGREED
TO BY THE OTHER FOUR.

6. THE FOLLOWING IS THE AGREED TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT
TO BE USED IN MAKING DEMARCHES AND TO BE LEFT WITH
MOBUTU:

BEGIN TEXT:

"SUR LA BASE DES CONCLUSIONS DE LA REUNION QUI
S'EST TENUE A PARIS LE 5 JUIN, DE CELLES DE LA REUNION
DE BRUXELLES DES 13 ET 14 JUIN, LES RECOMMANDATIONS
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DES CINQ GOUVERNEMENTS CONCERNENT:

"1 - LA POLITIQUE DE RECONCILIATION NATIONALE

"2 - LA PLEIN PARTICIPATION DE TOUTES LES

ENTITES REGIONALES DU ZAIRE A LA VIE NATIONALE DU PAYS

"3 - L'AMELIORATION DU FONCTIONNEMENT DES

INSTITUTIONS ZAIROISES

"4 - L'AMELIORATION DU FONCTIONNEMENT DES FAZ

"5 - LE RENFORCEMENT DE LA POSITION DIPLOMATIQUE

DU ZAIRE.

"POUR ETAYER LA PRECENCE DE LA FORCE AFRICAINE

AU SHABA, IL CONVIENT D'ACCROITRE LE NOMBRE DES ETATS

PARTICIPANTS. IL EST EN OUTRE NECESSAIRE D'ENTRE-

PRENDRE UNE ACTION DIPLOMATIQUE POUR OBTENIR LE SOUTIEN

DU PLUS GRAND NOMBRE D'ETATS AUPRES DES INSTANCES

INTERNATIONALES ET NOTAMMENT DE L'O.U.A.

"D'AUTRE PART, LA FORCE AFRICAINE MISE EN PLACE

AU SHABA AYANT UN CARACTERE TEMPORAIRE, IL EST INDIS-

PENSABLE DE RETABLIR LES BASES DURABLES DE LA SECURITE

DANS CETTE REGION.

"DANS CETTE PERSPECTIVE, LE ZAIRE DEVRAIT:

(A) FAVORISER LE DIALOGUE AVEC L'ANGOLA ET EN

REGLE GENERALE DEVELOPPER SES RELATIONS AVEC LES

ETATS VOISINS.

(B) EXPLORER TOUTES LES POSSIBILITES DE MEDIA-

TION QUE CERTAINS ETATS AFRICAINS POURRAIENT OFFRIR.

(C) DEVELOPPER SES CONSULTATIONS AVEC LES ETATS

SUSCEPTIBLES DE LUI APPORTER LEUR SOUTIEN DEVANT LES

INSTANCES AFRICAINES ET INTERNATIONALES.

"6 - LA POLITIQUE ECONOMIQUE:

(A) IL CONVIENDRAIT QUE TOUTE IMPORTATION

ESSENTIELLE D'AIDE D'URGENCE CORRESPONDE A DES BESOINS

VRAIMENT PRIORITAIRES, ET SOIT ACHEMINEE DE FACON

EFFICACE ET DISTRIBUEE DIRECTEMENT AUX UTILISATEURS

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FINAUX;

(B) LES CINQ ATTIRENT L'ATTENTION DU PRESIDENT

MOBUTU ET DE SON GOUVERNEMENT SUR L'IMPORTANCE D'ABORDER

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LES DISCUSSIONS EN COURS RELATIVES AU PLAN DE
REDRESSEMENT ET DE STABILISATION EN PRENANT EN COMPTE
LA NECESSITE POUR LE ZAIRE DE METTRE EN OEUVRE DES
REFORMES PROFONDES DE SON ECONOMIE, DE GESTION ET DE
SON ADMINISTRATION AVEC L'ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUE D'UNE
PART DES INSTITUTIONS FINANCIERES INTERNATIONALES, ET
NOTAMMENT DU F.M.I., ET D'AUTRE PART D'EXPERTS
ETRANGERS JOUISSANT D'UNE LARGE DELEGATION D'AUTORITE.
LES CINQ CITENT A TITRE D'EXEMPLE LE CONTROLE ET LE
RAPATRIEMENT DES DEVICES ETRANGERES. END TEXT.

7. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE "OBLIGATORY ANNEX
ITEM" INTRODUCED BY THE BRITISH.

BEGIN TEXT:

"ENFIN, EN CE QUI CONCERNE LA POLITIQUE
ECONOMIQUE, LES CINQ ATTIRENT L'ATTENTION DU PRESIDENT
ET DE SON GOUVERNEMENT SUR LE FAIT QUE LA REALISATION
DES MESURES ENUMEREES AU POINT VII DU RELEVÉ DES
CONCLUSIONS DE LA REUNION DE BRUXELLES, CONSTITUE UN
ELEMENT ESSENTIEL DE LA MISE EN OEUVRE DU PLAN
MOBUTU." END TEXT.

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8. UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS BY SEPTTEL.
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